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Washington, D.C.-- Today, Congressman Sires announced that the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has received a grant award of $10,008,056 from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II discretionary grant program. The award will support the Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System to improve traffic flow on several New Jersey Corridors. This grant program is authorized and implemented according to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. TIGER grants are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that will significantly impact a metropolitan area, region, or nation.

“The Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System project will assist in improving traffic flows in several heavily traveled corridors in the nation, including Route 1&9 which goes through the 13th Congressional District,” said Congressman Sires. “This project will use innovative technology to ensure that commuters traveling on our bottlenecked routes are able to get to their destination more timely and efficiently.”

The Meadowlands Adaptive Signal System project will make use of real-time image-based vehicle detection and broadband wireless communication to respond appropriately to traffic

conditions. Many of the existing signalized intersections are up to forty years old and are out of coordination with adjacent signals. Specifically, this project will provide algorithmic intelligence to 128 signalized intersections which will allow for maximum roadway capacity. Additionally, this technology uses automated signal timing which keeps operation and maintenance costs low.

“As the Representative of one of the most densely populated areas in the nation, I am proud that the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission is receiving this federal grant which will ease the commute for all,” said Sires. “This project will directly result in less traffic congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption, all of which will make our community a safer area.”

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